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Eco-Friendly existence of aquatic Fauna and Flora

2316. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme like "Maintenance of Aqua-Ecological Balance for Eco-friendly Existence of Aquatic Fauna and Flora" being implemented by Fisheries Development Commissioner in various States;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for non-sanction of such scheme to Tripura state where it is very much essential for protecting endangering species; and

(c) by when this scheme would be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMODEO NARAYANYADAV): (a) At present, there is no scheme like "Maintenance of Aqua-Ecological Balance for Eco-friendly existence of Aquatic Fauna & Flora' being implemented by the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

Balanced and integrated use of fertilizers

2317. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is fact that the proposal of Rs. 40.24 lacs of Government of Tripura under the scheme for Balanced and Integrated use of Fertilizer is pending with the Ministry;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to sanction the proposal and by when; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) The proposal of Rs. 40.24 lakhs of the Government of Tripura was received under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Balanced and Integrated use of Fertilizers". As the State Government already has unspent balances amounting to Rs. 16.99 lakhs in the beginning of the current financial year out of the funds released under the scheme earlier, the Government has been requested to send the status of fund utilisation.